

# SLAV PEASANTS WHO ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE TAX LEVIES KILLED

Soviet Authorities Execute a Group in South Russia Who Had Concealed Their Stocks of Grain.

## AMERICAN PRISONERS ARE TO BE RELEASED

All Now Confined in Moscow and Petrograd Will Be Sent Across the Border Not Later Than Monday.

Riga, Aug. 6 (By The Associated Press).—The beginning of the food tax collection by the Russian soviet authorities was marked by the execution of a group of rich peasants in the Mariopol district of south Russia, who had concealed their grain and were trying to dodge their tax, says a dispatch received by soviet wireless from Moscow today. An example was made of these peasants to prevent the practice of hoarding, it is declared. The district mentioned is in south Russia, near the sea of Azov.

At the same time, the message adds, counter revolutionary bandits in the Volga and Ural districts are destroying what grain was left in the fields to block the soviet food campaign.

## RUSSIA NEEDS WHEAT TO RELIEVE THE STARVING

Paris, Aug. 6.—One billion three hundred million kilograms (approximately 2,880,000,000 pounds) of wheat are needed to relieve the starving people of ten provinces of Russia, according to estimates published today by the Populaire, an organ of the extreme left socialists.

At the average price of one hundred francs per hundred kilograms, the newspaper estimates the cost of delivering the wheat into Russia would be 1,386,000,000 francs, and would necessitate four hundred ships or 150,000 freight cars for transportation.

## SOVIET DELEGATIONS WILL BE SENT ABROAD

London, Aug. 6.—The Russian soviet authorities have decided to send three special delegations abroad on behalf of a starving Russia, declares a Reval message forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen. Professor Bechterev, formerly of the University of Petrograd, will head the delegation to England, France, Spain and the United States, says the message. Meanwhile, asserts the dispatch, the soviet representatives abroad have been ordered to suspend propaganda work. It also is reported that orders for machinery and other goods will be held up, the money being used for the purchase of food.

## ALL U. S. PRISONERS ARE TO BE SET FREE

London, Aug. 6 (By The Associated Press).—All the American prisoners in Moscow and Petrograd will be sent across the Russian border by Monday at the latest, according to a message received here today by Walter L.

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# COST OF LABOR ALLOWANCES TO TRAFFIC LINES CAN'T INCLUDE CHARGES FOR "INEFFICIENCY"

Interstate Commerce Commission Hands Down An Important Decision in Connection With the Six Months' Guarantee Period Following Government Control of the Railroads.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 6.—Cost of labor allowances to railroads for the six months guarantee period following government control will include only increased wages and not alleged "inefficiency of labor" factors under a decision handed down today by the interstate commerce commission.

## WEATHER

FORECAST.  
Denver, Colo., Aug. 6.—New Mexico: Generally fair south, unsettled north, probably showers; cooler, except extreme northwest portion. Monday, fair, warmer northeast portion.  
Arizona: Generally fair south, unsettled north portion Sunday, probably with showers. Monday, fair; warmer northeast portion.

LOCAL REPORT.  
Conditions for the twenty-four hours ended at 6 p. m. yesterday, recorded by the university:  
Highest temperature..... 89  
Lowest..... 69  
Range..... 20  
Mean..... 74  
Humidity at 6 a. m..... 77  
Humidity at 6 p. m..... 43  
Precipitation..... None  
Maximum wind velocity..... 36  
Direction of wind..... Southwest  
Character of day..... Partly cloudy

# WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OF HOUSE TO BEGIN DRAFTING THE TAX REVISION BILL THIS WEEK

## ART. 27 TO BE CONSIDERED BY MEXICAN SOLONS

(By The Associated Press.)

Mexico City, Aug. 6.—Consideration of article 27 of the Mexican constitution, pertaining to petroleum deposits, will begin in the Mexican congress next Monday. A committee of the lower house appointed by the liberal constitutional party, which for majority of the chamber, submitted to President Calles a project for the immediate settlement of oil problems, contained six fundamental principles upon which legislation relating to oil might be built and the president expressed the opinion that it might be reduced to one, one of which would state that article 27 was not retroactive in its effect.

The changes proposed to begin immediately a study of the problem for early decision at the president's suggestion.

It is understood the liberal-constitutionalists will urge co-operation on the part of the socialist-democratic bloc, and if necessary will open an indefinite session, which will not be concluded until the work is finished.

## AMENDMENTS TO CUPPER-TINCHER BILL AGREED TO

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 6.—Amendments to the Copper-Tincher bill to regulate future dealings in grain agreed upon today by the senate agriculture committee included a decision to strike out a committee proposal to prohibit privately owned or leased telegraph and telephone lines from connecting with cities in which grain exchanges are not located. It was held that while aimed at "bucket shops" the provision would deprive producers of means for obtaining market reports to aid in disposing of their grain.

The committee proposal to give the federal trade commission access by order of the secretary of agriculture to reports made by grain exchanges also was agreed to, but authority for the secretary to call for such reports and make them available to the attorney general, will be insisted upon.

L. P. Gates, of the Chicago board of trade, opposed the elimination of leased wire houses and said that proposed federal trade commission examination of reports would be the commission's authority to explore the business of co-partnerships and firms not now subject to its jurisdiction. He also contended that provision of the bill permitting co-operative marketing associations, which become members of grain exchanges, the rebate commission would be a powerful lever to compel all dealers to join such associations, thereby creating a monopolistic control of the producers.

## FOOD PLentiful IN CHINA, SAYS BELIEVE REPORT

Living Conditions Are Far From Being as Desperate As News Tricking Through Would Indicate.

(By The Associated Press.) Chita, July 8.—Living conditions in China as observed by one who accompanied the Crane party thus far on the journey to America via Russia, as far from being as desperate as might be imagined from reports of political upheavals continuing to come out of Siberia. There is no scarcity of food and almost all of the commodities of personal and household consumption can be found in the bazaar and market at lower prices than those prevailing in Harbin and Peking.

The public gardens are patronized by reasonably well dressed crowds, in the city garden two orchestras play and there are frequent vaudeville performances. Many of the bourgeois families have been reduced to poverty and there is a lack of ready funds in many quarters, but the people show little sign of real suffering. At Chita there is perfect order and no evidence of popular discontent.

The Far Eastern railway is organized along lines entirely different from those which prevail in Russia. Private property is recognized except that land is the property of the state.

The minister of communications has succeeded in restoring railway tracks, bridges and rolling stock sufficiently to have trains running on all main lines.

Officials of the government assert that they are ready to welcome foreign economic and technical assistance, and are willing to make generous terms to capital for the development of natural resources, especially minerals and timber.

## CONVENTION CLOSES.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 6.—The National Association of Specialty Salesmen closed their three-day convention here tonight after electing officers among those named was A. J. Burns, Oakland.

## Measure Will Be Ready in Ten Days, Unless an Unexpected Snag Is Encountered, Fordney States.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 6.—Majority members of the house ways and means committee expect to get down to the brass tacks of tax revision next week.

Chairman Fordney said today that the rewriting of levy provisions in the 1918 law probably would begin Monday and that unless an unexpected snag was encountered the new bill should be ready in ten days. Leaders generally say house consideration will require only a few days.

Work Before Committee.

The work before the republican committee is to determine the extent of the cuts possible and just where they are to be made. The general belief seems to be that the committee bill will propose repeal of the excess profits tax, but the effective date remains to be determined.

As a substitute for the excess profits tax it is planned to increase the corporation income tax from 10 per cent to 15 per cent and also to repeal the \$2,000 exemption allowed corporations. Chairman Fordney said today, however, that it might be necessary to make some specific provision in the bill to relieve the burden it has been claimed that would impose on the small corporations.

He also disclosed a proposal to write into the bill a provision taxing the income of the so-called personal service corporations, such as architectural firms not incorporated, the same as the income of other corporations. The supreme court has held that the present law is not applicable to such concerns.

Mr. Fordney also said it was not proposed to relieve public service corporations from a part of the 15 per cent income tax provision of the bill.

Income Surpluses.

Aside from revision of these levy sections, the minds of many committee members are turned to a repeal of the higher income surtaxes, of all or part of the transportation taxes and of the fountain ice cream levies. However, the actual revisions are yet to be agreed upon, with indications of some fights in the committee.

It was estimated today by some that immediate repeal of the whole transportation tax, the soda water tax and the higher income surtaxes, together with the \$55,000,000 which the treasury experts figure will be lost this year through repeal of the excess profits taxes as last January 1 would approximate the half billion dollar tax house republican leaders insist can be made in the tax levy.

Treasury Estimates.

With such a reduction the taxes to be paid this fiscal year would approximate \$3,970,000,000 on the basis of treasury estimates presented to the committee and would include \$235,000,000 estimated back taxes. In addition to this income the treasury figures customs receipts under the proposed new tariff law at \$370,000,000 and income from miscellaneous sources at about \$250,000,000, making a total of \$3,790,000,000 as against an outgo estimated in the treasury statement at \$4,554,000,000.

Supporters of the tax cut declare, however, that the apparent deficit of \$764,000,000 would be greatly decreased through additional collections in back taxes, estimated at probably \$100,000,000, a larger income from miscellaneous sources and decreases in expenditures, including those on account of the public debt and the various federal departments.

## LEAD ON.

The gang passes the word to me that they have something "awful" on me, that would hurt like "sixty." If they aren't kind enough to withhold it. Of course, they hate to spring it in the midst of all my troubles. They hope, for my sake, that I would rather "be good" than to have it made public.

Let the people have it, gentlemen. I'm no angel, but if you have something in my public record or private life, which the public should know, do your duty. You looked me up carefully for twenty years back, during the campaign last fall. Give the public your results.

My friends are law-suits. If you have found anyone you can indicate to sue, let's have it. Get all the cards on the table.

"Kind friends" took the trouble to inform the paper company, from whom we have bought paper on open account for years and with whom our relations have been satisfactory, that several suits had been filed against us. Therefore the paper company attached back to me a notice to show cause why I should not be removed from circulation. The gang thought that would fix us. When we got permission to pay \$2,600 and take half the paper, putting the balance in the warehouse until we paid the other \$1,100, the gang circulated the story that we were forced to warehouse the paper, "taking out a roll or two at a time as we used it." That was done, no doubt, to inspire public confidence.

The same kind friends notified the printing press company who sold us the new press, that there were "sundry" suits against us and that they ought to get busy to protect themselves.

What else they have done the Lord only knows. Their interest in helping out people collect their money is the most remarkable piece of philanthropy I have ever witnessed. I am afraid some stranger in Detroit may lose the money the Journal owes him. It worried their consciences at night until they simply had to tell him. Of course they hated to do it.

Now, whatever further devilment they have been able to think of, I invite them to give the public—law-suits, gossip, any old thing. This kind of a row is apt to ruin a few reputations. Let them begin on mine. They had men from New Mexico in my old home of Tulsa last fall, "looking me up." May be what they found out is all too bad to tell.

# WHAT WE ARE DOING TOWARD THE END THAT IT SHALL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN



## CHICAGO BANKER BROKE DRY LAW. IT IS ALLEGED

Warrant Is Issued for Spurgin's Arrest on a New Charge; Is Reported Near Chihuahua City.

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Aug. 6.—The search for Warren C. Spurgin, missing president of the United Michigan Avenue Trust company, who is being sought in connection with a \$1,000,000 shortage in the bank's accounts, was directed from Mexico to Porto Rico today following receipt of a message from the police of San Juan, Porto Rico, asking for a description of him.

Meanwhile, a federal warrant for Spurgin, charging violation of the prohibition statutes, was issued based on the discovery of liquor valued at more than \$10,000 in Spurgin's private vault in the bank.

Telegrams were dispatched to federal authorities at El Paso, asking that steps be taken immediately for the apprehension of the missing banker. He has been reported near Chihuahua City, Mexico.

44-HOUR WEEK DEMAND GIVEN UP BY PRESSMEN

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 6.—The first break in the printing strike here since May 6, came today when A. J. Cromback, president of the Pressmen's local No. 35, notified the Rochester Typothetae, that the men have unanimously decided to return to work, dropping their demands for the forty-four hour week. The pressmen will resume work Monday. It was announced by the employing printer's headquarters.

## FAST FATAL TO WOMAN.

Urbana, Ill., Aug. 6.—Mrs. J. M. Chase of this city, who has been fasting fifty-three days as a result of stomach trouble, died today. She had known that death was certain and patiently had awaited the end.

## RAILROADS MAKE TAX COMMISSION USE OLD FIGURE

Recent Raise Made at Mechem's Demand Annulled; Assessment Cut to \$5,466,419 Less Than 1920.

(SPECIAL DISPATCH TO MORNING JOURNAL.) Santa Fe, Aug. 6.—The tax commission today held the railroad valuation announced on May 5 could not be legally changed and declared \$5,466,419 the final valuation. This valuation includes depreciation from the date of the interstate commerce commission valuation.

The commission, after May 5, raised this valuation by disallowing the depreciation allowed on that date upon Governor Mechem's demand, but according to the decision announced today, the commission once having allowed the depreciation could not rescind the action later, as the railroad valuation was closed on the first date and could not be reopened.

J. E. Saint, chairman, said in taking this stand the commission was guided by an opinion from the attorney general's office, written early in 1919. The valuation which stands under today's decision is \$5,466,419 less than the 1920 valuation.

James Bent, pioneer mining man, is dead.

(By The Associated Press.) Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 6.—James Bent, pioneer mining operator of Arizona and Sonora, was found dead in a hotel room here at noon today.

## A CRISIS CONFRONTS PRESIDENT IRIGOYEN

(By The Associated Press.) Buenos Aires, Aug. 6.—President Irigoyen is confronted by a sudden political crisis which seems to threaten him with the loss of the control of congress and at the beginning of the campaign for election of a new president next March. Sessions of congress Thursday and yesterday were without a quorum.

The trouble grew out of a demand on the president by a majority of congress for an explanation of his failure to apply the provisions of the homestead law enacted last year.

Political observers see in the situation the first indication of the consummation of plans for a combination of socialists and conservatives to effect the defeat of the president.

BRITISH GOLF STARS WIN.

New York, Aug. 6.—Jim Barnes, national open golf champion, and George McLean, were defeated in 36 holes today, 1 up, by George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, English golf stars, in an exhibition game at the New Grass Sprain Golf club.

## PRESIDENT AND WIFE CALL ON DISABLED VETS

Harding Ends His Vacation in the White Mountains of New Hampshire; Party Is Homeward Bound.

(By The Associated Press.) Portland, Me., Aug. 6.—President and Mrs. Harding left Portland at midnight tonight on the presidential yacht Mayflower for Washington. They are expected to arrive at the capital Tuesday noon.

(By The Associated Press.) Portland, Me., Aug. 6.—President Harding ended his vacation visit to the White Mountains of New Hampshire today and crossed Maine to board the yacht Mayflower here to return to Washington.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and other members of the party, president made the 149-mile cross country trip by automobile, starting early in the day from Lancaster, N. H., where he has been the guest of Secretary Weeks since Tuesday.

He went out of his way to visit a soldiers' sanatorium at Oxford, Me., stopped at Poland Spring for lunch and a game of golf and accepted an invitation to pay a brief call and make a speech at Westbrook, just outside of Portland, in the early evening. Sailing late tonight the Mayflower is expected to reach Washington Tuesday noon.

## INVESTIGATION OF THE STANDARDS IN WHEAT GRADING IS ORDERED

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 6.—Investigation of the application of government standards in wheat grading, particularly at country buying points, has been ordered by Secretary Wallace. A practical miller and economist, with experienced assistants, are to study "the problems connected with grading," especially in the northwest, a department announcement said.

Secretary Wallace recently refused to change the federal grade standards for spring wheat and said that not enough evidence had been presented to justify changes. If such evidence is found by the investigators, it was said, changes would be made well in advance of the marketing season next year.

AMBASSADOR HARVEY IS ON WAY TO PARIS

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Aug. 6.—Col. George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, arrived this evening to attend the allied supreme council Monday.

Paris, Aug. 6.—Ambassador Harvey has accepted the invitation of the French government to be its guest in Paris during the meeting of the supreme council there, and will take up his quarters at the hotel where the Italian delegation is stopping.

# ALIEN ARRIVALS IN AUGUST FROM SOME COUNTRIES EXCEED QUOTAS

Midnight Racing of Immigrant-Laden Steamers Into American Harbors to Land Monthly Quotas in the First Minutes of the First Day of New Months May Be Stopped Monday.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 6.—Midnight racing of immigrant laden steamers into American harbors to land monthly quotas in the first minutes of the first day of new months may be done away with Monday when ship lines officers and immigration officials get together to formulate a new agreement.

## HUSBAND WILLING TO "WIPE SLATE CLEAN"

May Admit the Excess Under Bond If Companies Will Agree To Obey the Law in the Future.

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Commissioner General Husband of the immigration bureau, in announcing the conference today, said he was willing "wipe the slate clean," admit under bond the 400 or so August quota excess now in harbors and begin all over if the companies would reach a binding agreement among themselves not to exceed quota thereafter.

## ONE SHIP LOST OUT.

Due to such a race July 31, the Greek, Turkish and other small quotas for August were exceeded in the first two minutes of August 1. One ship lost out because of a lighter crossing her bow. She was a British steamer, bringing a small part of the month's quota of Greeks and had refused, Commissioner Husband said, to take orders. A Greek ship with the whole month's quota of Greeks left after the British vessel, but won by two minutes in docking. The conference is planned to devise ways and means of meeting this situation.

Companies that bring the majority of immigrants are adhering strictly to agreements among themselves, the commissioner said, that they will not bring more aliens of any nationality than could be admitted under each month's quota. The difficulty is with smaller lines and comparatively small number of immigrants, he said.

## JAPAN HAS AGREED TO NOV. 11 AS DATE FOR DISARMAMENT PARLEY

(By The Associated Press.) Tokyo, Aug. 6.—The Associated Press said Japan has agreed to November 11 as the date for the beginning of the disarmament conference in Washington as suggested by the American charge d'affaires to this morning's newspapers.

Foreign Minister Uchida, the newspaper states, told the cabinet that he had informed Edward Tamm, the American charge d'affaires that Japan had no objection to November 11 for the conference date.

Sir Charles Elliot, British ambassador, said at a conference yesterday with Foreign Minister Uchida over the preliminary negotiations for the conference.

## CONTRACTORS DEMAND DOLLAR A DAY REDUCTION IN PAY OF BUILDING CRAFT EMPLOYES

Also Seek Cut in Price of Lumber and Other Building Materials; Say Construction in the City Is At Standstill; Wage Reduction To Take Effect September 1.

That the building crafts of Albuquerque should reduce their wages a dollar a day beginning September 1 and that the dealers in building supplies should make proportionate reductions, were the recommendations of the contractors' association in their attempt to stimulate building in Albuquerque.

In a statement, the contractors said that many builders have almost ceased building construction. They attribute this to the high cost of labor, both skilled and unskilled, and to the excessively high cost of material. It is recommended that conferences be held with both the building crafts and the material houses and lumber yards in order that some adjustment may be reached.

The following letter to these groups was sent out by the association:

Gentlemen:

"The Contractors' association at a meeting held in the chamber of commerce building on the night of August 3, 1921, discussed the building situation in and about the city of Albuquerque. They were unanimously of the opinion that the building industry had approached a crisis. It was observed that if any preparation was being made to meet the usual demand for houses and business buildings in this locality, when the demand is always heavy in September, October and November each year for houses we usually have a supply, but not so this year. Contractors

have very few houses to place upon the market. Many of these have almost ceased building construction. It was also observed that many men were idle in many of the crafts of the city.

"The contractors are of the opinion that building in every line must be stimulated and men of our city given all the employment available.

"Further, the Contractors' association at a conference held at the situation in building is practically at a standstill, largely because of two reasons:

"1. The high cost of labor, both skilled and unskilled, and the period of high prices in all commodities and nowhere did labor reach the peak of prices of material and that the reduction in the price of labor at this time should be correspond with a further reduction in the price of material.

"The Contractors' association at its meeting on the above date de-